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SUBJ: SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED ASTRONAUT VISIT TO QATAR

REF: STATE 020674, DOHA 0089

1. EMBASSY IS IN CONTINUING DIRECT CONTACT WITH QATARI POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE ASTRONAUT PARTY WILL BE AFFORDED ALL REASONABLE PROTECTION. EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH GOQ REGARDING SECURITY MATTERS ARE EXCELLENT AND DO NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE MFA.

2. BASIC SECURITY SITUATION IN QATAR IS SOUND. LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, WHILE FAR FROM ABLE IN AREA OF VIP PROTECTION, ENJOY GOOD CONTROL OVER THOSE INTERNAL ELEMENTS LIKELY TO PERPETRATE TERRORIST ACTION. BASICALLY TERRORIST GROUPS ARE NOT RPT NOT KNOWN TO OPERATE FROM QATAR WHICH HAS POPULATION OF ONLY 180,000. SMALL POPULATION PERMITS DEGREE OF SECURITY CONTROL NOT RPT NOT FOUND IN LARGER COUNTRIES. STRENGTH OF SECURITY COMES FROM CONTROL OF THOSE HAVING ACCESS TO PARTY RATHER INDIVIDUAL
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ABDILITIES OF SECURITY FORCES.

3. WE ASSESS MAIN POTENTIAL THREAT AS COMING FROM FEDAYEEN. PALESTINIANS NUMBER 14,000 IN QATAR BUT ARE BELIEVED TO BE "TAME" BY QATARI SECURITY. ANY TERRORIST ATTACK BY FEDAYEEN WOULD PROBABLY BE CARRIED OUT BY GROUP TRAVELLING FROM OUTSIDE COUNTRY SPECIFICALLY TO CARRY OUT OPERATION. GIVEN GOQ'S CONTINUING GENEROUS DONATIONS TO PLO, WE DOUBT THAT ORGANIZATION IS LIKELY TO EMBARRASS GOQ BY CARRYING OUT SUCH AN ATTACK. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT ELIMINATE POSSIBLE ATTACK BY FRINGE FEDAYEEN GROUP OR GROUP SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH CARRIED OUT OPEC MEETING ATTACK. THIS TYPE OF ATTACK, OF COURSE, IS POSSIBLE ANYWHERE.

4. REF B DISCUSSED
TENTATIVE PROGRAM WHICH FOR THE MOST
PART CALLS FOR SMALL, INTIMATE SESSIONS WITH QATARI OFFICIALS;
UNSCHEDULED SIGHTSEEING TOURS; OR LECTURES IN A CONTROLLABLE
SETTING. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE SPECIFICS OF PLANNED PROTECTION
BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

5. DEFER TO DEPT REGARDING SENDING ADVANCE SECURITY OFFICER
AND/OR ACCOMPANYING SECURITY OFFICER. RECOMMEND THAT, IF POSSIBLE,
SECURITY OFFICER(S) CHOSEN HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN DEALING
WITH THEIR ARAB COUNTERPARTS. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY HAS ASSIGNED
OFFICER TO COORDINATE SPECIFICALLY SECURITY ASPECTS OF VISIT
WITH GOQ AND DEVOTE AS MUCH TIME AS REQUIRED FOR THIS TASK.
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